

FOREST SECTOR IN TRANSITION

- DRAMATIC CHANGES IN FOREST OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT PATTERN
- FOREST COMMUNITIES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OWN OR ADMINISTER 22% FORESTS IN DEV COUNTRIES
- COMMUNITIES EMERGE AS THE LARGEST INVESTOR IN FORESTS
- COMMUNITY INVESTMENT (\$1.3-2.6b) > ODA (\$1-1.2b) AND PUBLIC EXPENDITURE (\$1.6b)

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GLOBAL DECENTRALISATION PROCESSES

DRIVEN BY

- REDUCED GOVT. SIZE AND ROLE
- INCREASED RELIANCE ON MARKETS
- INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND PRIVATE SECTOR

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DECENTRALISATION PROCESS IN FORESTS

- PARTIALLY DRIVEN BY LARGE GLOBAL PROCESSES
- LONG STRUGGLE BY COMMUNITIES AGAINST COLONIAL AND POST COLONIAL USURPATION OF RESOURCES
- ASSERTION OF LAND RIGHTS BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN DEMOCRATISING SOCIETIES

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DECENTRALISATION AND FORESTS

- TENSION BETWEEN EXTERNALLY STIMULATED EFFORTS AND SELF GENERATED COMMUNITY EFFORTS
- MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE AND CONTRADICTORY TRENDS
- MARKETS AND PRIVATE SECTOR (DRIVING DECENTRALISATION) SHOW LITTLE ROOM FOR COMMUNITY FOREST PRODUCTS AND ENTERPRISE

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CONTRADICTIONS

- ENTRENCHED FOREST BUREACRACIES AND ASSERTIVE COMMUNITIES: BALANCE OF POWER
- EMINENT DOMAIN AND LAND CLAIMS OF COMMUNITIES
- DIVERSITY OF LOCAL SYSTEMS AND UNIFORMITY OF DECENTRALISATION
- DISJUNCT BETWEEN Pas AND DECENTRALISATION
- DECENTRALISATION AMIDST OLD POLICIES LAWS AND INSTITUTIONS

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WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

- INCREASE IN DEMAND (TRADE>\$200b)
- GLOBALISING MARKETS
- SFM AND CERTIFICATION
- DEMAND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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INTEGRATING COMMUNITIES

- STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY LAND AND FOREST RIGHTS FOR MEANINGFUL DECENTRALISATION
- REMOVE POLICY BARRIERS

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COMMUNITY LAND AND FOREST RIGHTS

- DEVOLVE FORESTS TO COMMUNITY CONTROL
- LEGALIZE COMMUNITY LAND AND FOREST OWNERSHIP
- STRENGTHEN SOCIAL CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION
- DESIGN MARKETS TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL RIGHTS

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REMOVE POLICY BARRIERS

- SIMPLIFY OR REMOVE HARVEST AND TRANSPORT RULES
- SIMPLIFY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS AND CERTIFICATION
- PROMOTE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS
- DEVELOP & ENFORCE CONTRACT STANDARDS
- PROVIDE MARKET AND CREDIT INFORMATION

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MAIN CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS

- SECURED TENURE
- SECURED FISCAL, REVENUE AND TAXATION POWERS
- CONTROL OVER DECISION-MAKING, RESOURCE, PRODUCE AND MARKETS

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